



Washington State Health Care Authority
Prescription Drug Program

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Dear Interested Party:

Following recommendations by the Washington State Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, the Department of Social and Health Services - Health and Recovery Services Administration (DSHS-HRSA), the Health Care Authority - Uniform Medical Plan (UMP), and the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) have named the following drugs as preferred in their respective therapeutic classes on the Washington State Preferred Drug List:

Proton Pump Inhibitors

omeprazole tablets (Prilosec OTC ®)
lansoprazole tablets (Prevacid Solutab®)*
lansoprazole capsules (Prevacid®)
lansoprazole powder (Prevacid® Suspension)*

* Subject to expedited prior authorization for special populations (pediatric/swallowing difficulties).

Each agency will use the common PDL according to its benefit structure.

All agencies will implement the Proton Pump Inhibitors class on April 1, 2006.

If you have other questions or comments regarding this announcement, please contact Erika Clayton at (360) 923-2736 or by email at pdp@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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